THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the Planning Commission there have *not* identified any area as backward perse.

**Review of Child Abuse Laws**

410. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any need to review the child abuse laws;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering any steps in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The Law Commission of India has recently reviewed the rape laws, *inter alia*, in the light of increased crime of sexual abuse against youngsters and recommended certain changes in the Indian Penal Code, 1860 as well as in the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

**Jai Jammu and Kashmir Slogan**

411. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item as appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated the 7th July, 2000 under the caption "Farooq raises 'Jai Jammu and Kashmir' slogan, replacing usual 'Jai Hind'"; and

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the media reports. The Chief Minister had not only raised the slogan "Jai Jammu and Kashmir" but also the slogan "Bharat Mata Ki Jai". He had also exhorted trainees to render selfless service to the people in curbing terrorism and to be sensitive to human rights issues.